commercially proven British technology. CFRI technology could not adopted due to inadequacy of basic design and Engineering data.

Changes in the new Drugs Price Control order

2328. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a widespread feeling amongst the consumer groups that the new Drugs Price Control Order does not have a rational planning as reported in the Economic Times of 3rd October, 1987; and

(b) whether Government have any plans to make requisite changes in its policy to make new DPCO more rational and tuned to consumer needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical reimbursement to Managing Director of NTPC

2329. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NTPC has been given huge advances on account of medical treatment abroad, undertaken without prior intimation which is neither admissible nor recoverable from him within the existing tenure of his service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present Managing Director has been given extension of tenure beyond the age of superannuation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) In 1985, the then Chairman and Managing Director of the National Thermal Power Corporation was given US $ 25,000 by the Corporation, against surety bonds and with the authorization of the Reserve Bank of India, for undergoing highly specialised surgery abroad, on expert medical advice, relating to critical coronary artery disease.

(c) and (d) On completion of the tenure of appointment, the officer has since relinquished charge of the post on 3rd November, 1987.

Appointments in DESU

2330. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules have been framed or norms laid down for appointment to the lower, middle and senior level posts in the managerial cadre in the DESU;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether it is a fact that a large number of clerical appointments have been made in the DESU without following any rules during the last five years; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, Recruitment and Promotion (R&P) Regulations for